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WILL COST THE COUNTY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

That is the Flood Toll For Bridges and Culverts Swept Away

No Estimate Can Yet Be Made of the Other Material Damage

"One hundred thousand dollars will not replace or put in shape the bridges and culverts swept away or damaged by the flood of this week," said Presiding Judge T. J. Hill yesterday in answer to an interrogatory as to the damage done.

"It is impossible to say what this sum amounts to in crop and other destruction, for it will be weeks before that can be even approximated. It is safe to say that never in the history has there been such wholesale property destruction, but the redeeming feature of the whole matter is that so far there has been no loss of human life reported," he continued.

One of the Freaks

About as freakish a feature as has been noted is the capers of the big iron and steel bridge which spans the One Hundred and Two at the Corby mill east of the city. The west end of this great structure is floating in the water and bobs up and down like a cork, despite its great weight. That end of the bridge has torn loose from its fastenings but the other end still holds fast and that is what prevents the bridge from dropping down and gives it its floating stunt. Highway Engineer Ray Cargill has caused the bridge to be lashed with cables attached to the trees along the bank and this will prevent the structure from being swept away. The entire structure has been moved over two

feet to the south by the great flood of water which surges against it. The salvation of the bridge was the fact that the previous freshets have swept clear the driftwood which had accumulated above the bridge and carried it down the stream. Had there been the usual amount above the bridge nothing could have saved the structure.

Engineer Cargill refused to make an estimate of the amount of damage done to the county roads—but it will be enough," he said.

Train Service Demoralized

The section to the northwest of St. Joseph has suffered the most. Nodaway, Holt, Atchison, Andrew, Gentry and Worth counties seem to have suffered the most.

There is up to the present practically no train service in any of that territory. The people of the towns in that section with a few exceptions have had no mail for a week. Railroad right-of-way has been swept away in the low places and many bridges have gone out. The almost daily rains have retarded the process of reconstructing the tracks and bridges but an army of men is employed at every possible opportunity in the work of repair.

It would require a volume to enumerate only a slight part of the damage done. Sufficient to say, it is "plenty enough."

TRUST PRESIDENT WILSON

FISHERMEN ARE SORE

The Pope, As All Others, Shows His Faith in America's Great President

All Artificial Minnows Must Now Be Denatured, and They Must Fish With Purple Bait

What more striking evidence of the faith that all people of all degrees have in America's great president could be asked than is shown by the subjoined dispatch:

Rome, July 12.—The German-American Catholic archbishops of Cincinnati and Milwaukee and the bishop of Toledo appealed to the pope, urging his intervention to avert the possibility of the war spreading to America and suggesting mediation by the Holy See with the object of preventing a threatened rupture in German-American relations. The pope replied, recommending the pretlates to rely on the wisdom of President Wilson, whose peaceful intentions were well known.

WAS IN A QUANDARY

Did Not Know to Whom He Should Apply for the Necessary Sins of War

Monday afternoon a well-dressed stranger stepped into Self & Blawanger's Fifth and Edmund establishment and, walking up to George Moore, asked if he could write a letter. Moore very accommodatingly invited him to step over to the firm desk, which he did, and sat down.

"Can I have a sheet of paper?" he asked—and was accommodated.

The stranger wrote some little time and then asked for an envelope which was also furnished.

He addressed it, and then asked for a stamp, which was also forth coming.

Then the stranger sat for some time and stared out into vacuity. Moore observed this, and finally, thinking that it was about time for another accommodation, turned to the stranger and queried:

"Anything more that I can do for you?"

The stranger paused for a moment and then started Moore with the re quire:

"No, you see I am broke and am writing for money, but I don't know who to send the letter to."

LET THEM BROWSE

Buchanan County Farmers Can Make Their Visitors Feel Happy in Their Alfalfa Fields

The Buchanan county farmer can now feel happy—for he has the goods—he has big alfalfa fields.

When Farmer Smith meets Farmer Jones at the lime fence, and Jones is feeling blue, Smith will not say, "Come on, cheer up. The world is yet to come."

He will say, "Too bad, Jones, that you got fired. Go eat some alfalfa."

Alfalfa, it has been discovered, is a true cure for blues. Not only that, but as an appetizer it has all other ingredients sliced off the platter. Brown will have company for dinner. If it is company he likes to see happy and hungry, he will take them out into his alfalfa patch and let them browse.

Alfalfa will also be taken on ocean liners to bring back appetites and life to the sea-sick.

Dr. Alexander L. Blackwood of Chicago, at the American Institute of Homeopathy, said seventeen men, after taking preparations from alfalfa, grew hungry, their minds grew clear and bright, their bodily functions were

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TURNS DOWN THE WOMEN

William Jennings Bryan Refuses to Aid the Suffragists Because They Oppose the Democratic Party

William Jennings Bryan turned a deaf ear and the cold shoulder to the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage in San Francisco last week when that organization sought his aid in securing endorsement of their amendment for national suffrage to the constitution of the United States.

As Mr. Bryan was entering the civic auditorium to address the national convention of women voters he was approached by Mrs. Sarah Bard Field of Portland, Ore., who headed a delegation of members of the union attending the convention.

Mrs. Field asked Mr. Bryan to speak to the delegates, 425 favoring the amendment.

"Madam," said Mr. Bryan, "I would never speak for your organization. I would never make a move to speak for any body of women that opposed the Democratic party."

Mrs. Field then asked Mr. Bryan whether he believed in standing by his party, right or wrong. Ignoring the question, Mr. Bryan said:

The Democratic party, at the expense of labor and tribulation of spirit, has taken up and solved the two paramount issues before the country—tariff and currency reform—and any body of women opposing a policy which makes such a thing possible has not my support."

"But you said," Mrs. Field replied, "that world suffrage meant world peace, and yet you frown upon a body of women who are striving to bring about freedom for women in the most direct way, with the least expense of time and money, merely using the political tactics men always have used."

"I do not doubt your conscience in the matter," said Mr. Bryan, "but I cannot agree with your method just because you are conscientious."

The members of the Congressional union who accompanied Mrs. Field were Mrs. Jessie D. Hampton of New York, Miss Iris Calderhead of Lawrence, Kas., the daughter of former Representative Calderhead; Miss Bertha Crone of Omaha, Neb., Mrs. Ruth White of Omaha, and Mrs. Lydia Gibson Meete of New York.

FROLICKING NEWSPAPER MEN

H. C. Post Employees Here Tomorrow—St. Joseph Press Club to Enjoy Picnic at Savannah July 25

About one hundred members of the Kansas City Post will arrive in this city tomorrow (Sunday) morning, and while here they will be the guests of the St. Joseph Press club. A special feature of the day will be a ball game between the visitors and the News Press at the Lake Contrary ball park at 10:20.

The members of the St. Joseph Press club will go to Savannah Sunday, July 25, where they will be the guests of the Savannah newspaper men. Fred Barkhurst, John Garfield

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GET YOUR GUN!

(To Whom It May Concern)

If you thirst for war my son,

Get your gun, yes—get your gun;

If you would have human life

Perish in some cruel strife;

Don't say other men should go,

Start right out—the foremost row;

Since you think our wrongs have

need

That our citizens should bleed,

Bled and die for some great cause

Commerce, or for freedom's law;

Dash right off, and start the fun;

Get your gun, sir—Get Your Gun;

When you would have war's mis

hap;

Pack good men clear off the map,

Place the nation under fire;

Let our dignity expire;

Lead the rash youth, my son,

Get your gun, oh—Get Your Gun;

If you deem our President

Is not wise in his intent,

That he should do what he's told

By each voter, young or old—

Take the front then, no don't

fire;

Get your gun, sir—Get Your Gun;

—Emma N. Carlton.

New Albany, Ind.

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WILSON CLEARED THE DOCKET

Lost But One Case Out of the One Hundred and Thirty-four That Came Up His First Year

The care and capacity shown by United States District Attorney Francis M. Wilson of this federal division during his first year has resulted in something that has never occurred heretofore.

His report, which has just been forwarded to Washington, shows that certainty of punishment which comes to the sinful. The report shows that since Francis M. Wilson became district attorney, there has been only one acquittal out of 134 criminal cases handled. A large number of the indictments resulted in pleas of guilty without trials. There have been a few other acquittals, but those defendants were indicted along with several other persons and always one or more indicted were found guilty at that trial, so the office shows the remarkable record of only one acquittal.

A feature of the record of Senator Wilson's office during the year was that not a single indictment was quashed because of legal imperfections or any other cause, nor was a single motion to dismiss or a demurrer to the testimony sustained. In the year \$52,000 in old bills found in the home of Dr. A. B. Goldilay of Bedford, after his death several years ago, and which it has been claimed since the sensational case wherein four aged towns were arrested on a murder charge, was part of the \$500,000 alleged to have been taken from the murdered citizen. Mr. Martin at once assumed that the press story referred to the finding of a huge amount of money, old bills, in the home of Dr. Goldilay, whom he had known since 1868. The old doctor practiced practically alone.

Since taking hold of the office, the criminal dockets have been cleared up of old cases in nearly every division in Jefferson City there is not a case left on the criminal docket, and in St. Joseph, Springfield and Justin only one. In Kansas City, in spite of the many big cases and the large number of indictments, only twenty cases are pending and some of these were instituted and are being handled by special prosecutors for the government, so the district attorney's office is practically caught up. Court attaches say the criminal docket has never been so cleared up in many years.

On top of the sending of the report to Washington, a telegram came stating that raises in salary had been granted to William Lynch and Samuel O. Harris, Mr. Wilson's assistants in the office. The half recommended the salary raise to the department of justice.

"Whatever credit may be coming to the office on our year's work must be shared with my two able assistants, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Harris," Senator Wilson said, commenting on the recognition his assistants had received from Washington. "The one thing that pleases me most is that our docket is cleared so any person accused may get a trial as speedily as he wants it."

WHO RANG THE LIBERTY BELL?

The Hurry Family Will Now Have to Hurry and Polish Up on Their Ancestry

The Liberty bell was here just now, and of course it brought up many discussions and much surprise and again brought to the front that fascinating old myth of the "old bell ringer," popularly credited as William Hurry.

It is conceded that the story of the boy dashing into the swinging July 4, 1776, calling to the old "clock-keeper in the belfry, 'Ring, ring! They're signed it!'" is fiction pure and simple.

Wilfred Jordan custodian of the museum in Independence Hall, and authority on the history of the liberty bell, declares there is no record of such an event. The first authenticated ringing, after the signing of the Declaration of Independence was on July 8, when the citizens of Philadelphia together to hear the document read.

Andrew McNair, doorkeeper at the time, may have been the first bell ringer, but this has not been established," says Custodian Jordan.

A story for which history will not vouch is that when the news of the surrender of Cornwallis reached Philadelphia, "the old bell ringer died of joy."

The history of the Philadelphia Pine Street church contains the name of "William Hurry, bellman of the old statehouse." And in the ancient stone in the graveyard where Hurry lies buried are the words, "who departed this life October 22, 1781." That day the news of the surrender of Cornwallis reached Philadelphia.

Was William Hurry really the old bell ringer who rang in the new year of American freedom on the day that the Declaration of Independence was approved, and did he really die of joy on hearing that the long war with England was over at last?

SENT THE "YELLOW BACKS" TO THIS CITY

ST. JOSEPH BANKERS LOOKED OVER THE QUEER HOARD OF DR. GOLLDAY

BUT REFUSED TO JUDGE AS TO ITS GENUINENESS

Banker Martin of Bedford Says That the Money Found at the Time of the Death of the Old Doctor at Bedford Was All Made Honestly and That It Had No Connection With the Buried Treasure for the Hiding of Which Four Aged Towns Were Arrested.

Charles G. Martin, cashier of the Taylor County bank at Bedford, Iowa, on his return from a trip to Kansas City on last Monday, while here was shown the story printed relative to the \$45,000 in old bills found in the home of Dr. A. B. Goldilay of Bedford, after his death several years ago, and which it has been claimed since the sensational case wherein four aged towns were arrested on a murder charge, was part of the \$500,000 alleged to have been taken from the murdered citizen. Mr. Martin at once assumed that the press story referred to the finding of a huge amount of money, old bills, in the home of Dr. Goldilay, whom he had known since 1868. The old doctor practiced practically alone.

OF CIVIL WAR PERIOD

Mr. Martin stated that St. Joseph bankers knew that the Goldilay money was honest money. He said that in his house Doctor Goldilay kept a safe, such as used to be sold for about \$50. Doctor Goldilay packed it with papers and gold bills, many of which were issued in the Civil war period. Naturally they yellowed and disintegrated with time, and when the committee of five bankers, of which Mr. Martin was one, attempted to count the "yellow backs," they found many of the number indistinguishable. According to the bills were brought to St. Joseph and bankers here passed them on to the treasury at Chicago. Here too, the job was too hard and it was referred to the treasury at Washington. Every one of the bills was worth its face value.

Doctor Goldilay had a brother, Benjamin Goldilay, who disappeared shortly after some abolitionist trouble in Kansas, and Mr. Martin says that it is supposed that he was killed in that state. He left some effects, and Mr. Martin was named executor.

Some of His Effects

Among Doctor Goldilay's heirs were Mrs. Elizabeth Hall of Bedford, Mrs. Alice V. Swaine of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mrs. Anna Parrish, now dead, and Mrs. Hortense Deane of Kansas City. Mrs. Deane was Doctor Goldilay's niece. Mrs. Swaine and Mrs. Swaine were half-sisters of Mr. Martin's wife. Mrs. Martin's grand mother, Elizabeth Miller, was the first child born in Bedford, and her great-grandmother laid out the town and was its first and foremost citizen.

"It folks in Iowa are speculating about a \$15,000 fortune, and mean the Goldilay estate, they certainly should be informed that every penny of it was earned by Doctor Goldilay, honestly and fairly," Mr. Martin would comment on the aspects of the St. Joseph criminal case.

WALNUT TREES ARE IN DEMAND

All Such Timber Now Being Cut for Gun Stocks for the Warring European Nations

If the European war keeps up, there will again be no more walnut timber left in this part of the state. Down in Platte county three agents of men are now cutting down walnut trees and sawing the lumber into twelve-foot lengths, shipping them to the east by fast freight.

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